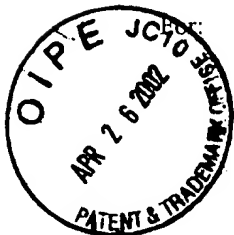


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Hui Chen and John W. Lawler  
Application No.: 09/606,763 Group Art Unit: 1653  
Filed: June 29, 2000 Examiner: Chih-Min Kam  
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 2327  
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Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions the Assistant Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for filing a Reply to the Office Action dated November 20, 2001 for two months from February 20, 2002 to April 20, 2002.

	<u>Small Entity</u>	<u>Other than Small Entity</u>
1 month -	\$ 55	\$ 110
2 months -	<u>X</u> \$ 200	\$ 400
3 months -	\$ 460	\$ 920
4 months -	\$ 720	\$1,440
5 months -	\$ 980	\$1,960

- [X] A check is enclosed in the amount of the extension fee indicated above, or the extension fee has been included in the check with the accompanying Reply.  
[ ] Please charge Deposit Account No. 08-0380 in the amount of \$[ ] to cover the cost of the extension fee.

Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 08-0380. A copy of this letter is enclosed for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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